

Doctoral Fellowship Grant

Tips For Preparing Your Application

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Choose the right supervisor(s)

- Working with an **experienced** supervisor who is **aligned with your area of research** will provide you with confidence.
- Consider experts outside of the world of radiography. For example, would a methodologist be useful to your project and supervisory team?



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Understand how a PhD differs from other research

- A PhD is a level 8 qualification that requires you to be doing something **novel**.
- You are:
 - i. creating new knowledge
 - ii. adding to the evidence base
 - iii. using existing knowledge in a different way or different area



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Understand how a PhD differs from other research

- You can achieve a PhD without doing a Master's first, but you will find that jump from a BSc or Bachelor's degree harder – not impossible, but something to consider.



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INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME
SUPPORTING RADIOGRAPHY RESEARCH

Support from your institution

- To complete your PhD part-time, we recommend at least **2 days a week** of ring-fenced time dedicated to your research.
- **Get approval** from your institution before applying and confirm what facilities are available to support your research such as access to equipment or software.



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Your research project

- A good research question is **critical!**
- Your methods should be able to answer that question.
- A clear and thorough Gantt Chart will help us see that your project is achievable.



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Patient and Public Involvement

- Consider how you will **engage** with patients and the public and **support** them throughout your project.
- They can be recruited through hospitals, local support groups or university groups.
- Ideally, they should be paid participants, so include how this will be funded.



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Dissemination is an integral part of research

- Think about the **impact** of your research and your key audience – how can you get the findings out there so it can **influence** practice?
- Be sure to budget any costings into your Doctoral Fellowship
- Consider all the channels available!



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Dissemination is an integral part of research

- Get your patients involved in dissemination if appropriate
- Present at conferences (note at least 1 conference in your application)
- Publish papers in open-access journals such as *Radiography*
- Consider blogs, podcasts, websites, social media



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